

## Environmental Policy of the U.S. Army Garrison, Kaiserslautern

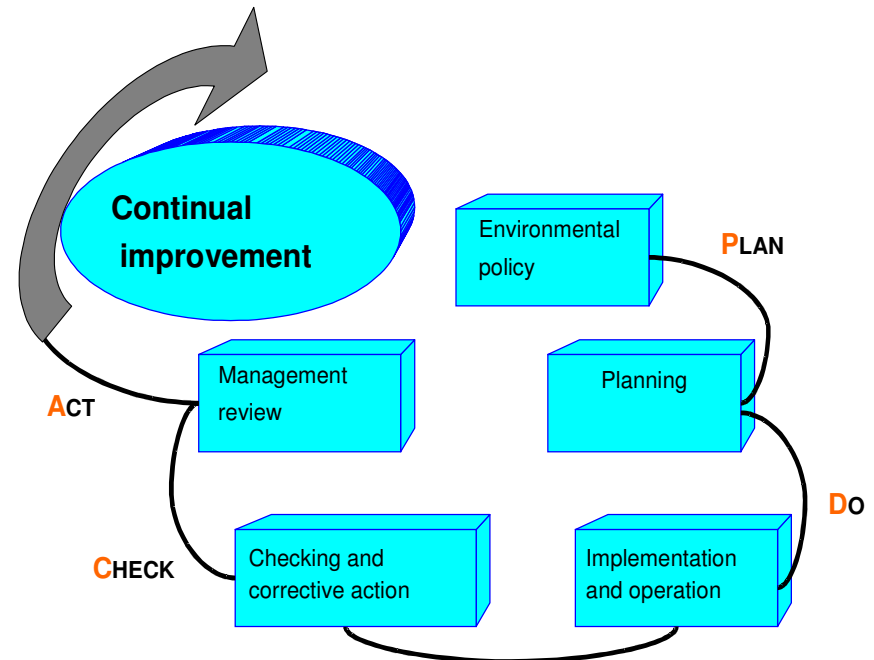
1. The mission of the U.S. Army Garrison, Kaiserslautern (USAG-K) is to support troop unit readiness by operating, maintaining, and repairing the infrastructure and facilities within the USAG-K.
2. The USAG-K is committed to comply with the Final Governing Standards and all other applicable legal environmental requirements. To sustain this commitment, the USAG-K has implemented an Environmental Management System (EMS) in accordance with the Executive Order 13148, 26 April 2000. This EMS fully conforms with the requirements of the ISO 14001:2004.
3. Every Commander, unit, agency, organization, tenant and individual within the USAG-K is responsible to support and fulfill all identified EMS requirements in a proactive manner.
4. The Management Representative has full authority to ensure that the EMS is implemented, documented and maintained. The Management Representative is reporting regularly to the Commander of the USAG-K.
5. The USAG-K will continually review our activities and services to identify significant aspects, and will consider these significant aspects when establishing and reviewing environmental objectives and targets of the Garrison. The realization of objectives and targets facilitates the continual improvement of the EMS and our overall environmental program.
6. The USAG-K is committed to ensure that all activities identify and address pollution prevention opportunities in the USAG-K, and assist in meeting or exceeding Army goals for pollution prevention.
7. The environmental policy statement will be communicated to all personnel working for or on behalf of the USAG-K, including all tactical units, tenants and contractors within the Garrison. In addition, this policy is available to the public via our Public Affairs Office.

Approved by the Commander of the U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern

## EMS

### Environmental Management System according to ISO 14001:2004

for the U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern



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## WHAT IS AN EMS?

An **E**nvironmental  
**M**anagement  
**S**ystem

is an organizational approach to environmental management. It is a process designed to archive continual environmental improvement. The Garrison's foundation for this system is the ISO 14001:2004.

### BENEFITS OF THE EMS

- Positive effect on compliance and performance
- Improved environmental awareness, involvement and competency across organization
- Better communication of environmental issues – internal and external
- Improved efficiency, reduced costs, greater consistency in environmental program
- Continual improvement aspect allows flexibility and opportunity to correct imperfections
- Better relationships with regulator
- Identification on risk and prevent problems outside of regulatory – e.g. aging infrastructure

### HOW TO SUPPORT THE EMS?

Each staff member is part of the system to ensure continual improvement. The best way to support EMS is to

- Conform to the EMS Policy (see flyer's flipside)
- Conform to the EMS requirements
- Improve personal performance regarding to impacts on the environment and legal compliance

## GENERAL EMS-ELEMENTS

1. Policy Statement
  - EMS guidelines/commitments approved by the Garrison Commander
2. Planning (PLAN)
  - Identify environmental aspects
  - Develop objectives, targets & programs
  - Fulfill legal & other requirements
3. Implementation and Operation (DO)
  - Investigate the essential requirements and implement appropriate processes to operate an EMS effectively.
  - All process organizations and basic regulations for the environmental protection within the U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern are documented in the Management Handbook (MHB). It is an integrated part of the EMS.
  - EMS training is provided to personnel.
4. Checking and corrective action (CHECK)
  - Ensures key operations posing significant impact to the environment are being measured, monitored and evaluated on a regular basis.
  - Conduct periodic surveys of the entire EMS processes and develop corrective actions to ensure the EMS remains effective.
5. Management review (ACT)
  - Conduct periodic reviews of the EMS and identify actions for a continual improvement of the system

For further questions please contact U.S. Army Garrison, Environmental Management Division under 483-6059 (DSN) or 0631-411-6059 (civ.)